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CITY OF
ALLAHASSEE

September 5, 2003

Mr. Tony Grippa, Chair Leon County Board of Commissioners Leon County Courthouse 301 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Grippa:

The Mayor's Initiative on Race Relations retains its high priority status under the City of Tallahassee's newly elected administration. The initiative continues to address concerns about race relations and to set standards for racial harmony. One major part of the initiative is the City of Tallahassee's award-winning Race Relations Summit. The theme for the 2003 Summit is Tallahassee Race Relations: The Power of "One" Community.

The Summit is a two-day event, designed to explore the status of race relations in our community through the exchange of information and the opportunity for open and honest dialogue. The forum has been a success and last year there were more than 550 attendees, 20 plus excellent workshops, several inspiring and informative keynote speakers.

In previous years, some of the County Commissioners have expressed interest in the Summit and we would certainly relish the county's participation. Therefore, in keeping with this year's theme and our community values and culture, this is to extend a special invitation to the county for participation. We hope that you will join us and further signify the oneness of our community. The details about sponsorship and amounts are indicated in the enclosure.

The event is scheduled for October 28-29 at Tallahassee- Leon County Civic Center from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with evening activities in the City Commission Chambers on both dates from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

While the first day of the Summit will be filled with fantastic presentations and certainly great information, we want you to know that on the second day of the Summit we will host two eminent scholars on diversity, Dr. Joy DeGruy-Leary and Rita Starr.

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Dr. Joy DeGruy-Leary was a well-received keynote speaker at the 2002 Summit. She is returning to this year's conference, based on popular demand, to conduct her dynamic and inspirational workshops.

We look forward to your support and participation in this year's event. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sharon Ofuani at 850 891 8290 or via email Ofuanis@talgov.com.

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John Marks, Mayor

Enclosure

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